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Arok — Tapai's the new Watson

Frank Arok has earmarked exciting Footscray JUST midfielder Ernie Tapai for the role played in the Soccerroo side by Joe Watson.

"I didn't expect to see anything new when I held a training session in Melbourne last week but I saw something absolutely brilliant in that kid Tapai," said Arok.

"I must include him in the team sooner or later. He's the closest thing to Watson I've seen so far and he'll get even better. He's one of the most exciting new talents I've seen on the Australian soccer scene."

Arok still was simmering after a verbal battle with Brunswick Juventus president Joe Caruso, who had told two of his players — Andrew Zinni and Paul Wade — not to train under Arok because of Juve's clash with Adelaide Juventus last weekend. A third Brunswick Juventus player — midfielder Mike Petersen — was invited to the session but was unable to attend as he is recovering from arthroscopic surgery to a cartilage.

Arok and Caruso had a heated argument just outside the Juventus dressing rooms.

"I told Caruso he can put out his players and forget the 'nobody thing,'" said Arok.

"We lost the chance to qualify for the World Cup Finals partly because of the unrest caused over controversy concerning guys like Charlie Egan, Marshall Soper and Mike Petersen but I'm going to stop all that sort of stuff."

"I don't bloody care anymore how much I'm hated. I'm not going to mind about this time. Caruso told me that he had been given permission for these guys not to train from Brian Emery (ASF executive director) but I don't accept that. Emery wouldn't do something like that to me behind my back."

"The players are not to be blamed though. They were put in a very, very awkward situation."

The players at the training session were Jeff Oliver, Phil Triantafyllou, Andrew Pergolou, Garry McDowell, Alan Hunter, Ken Murphy (still injured), Sean Lane, Tom Karic, Vlakko Belic, Tapai, Steve Gajevic, Wade, Zinni and Petersen.

Arok has been organising regular training sessions for these players with John Margaritis and Tim White conducting the sessions.

In Sydney, along with Eddie Thomson, Arok has been organising three sessions a week for players not involved in the Northern Division finals and one session for those involved in the finals. His Sydney squad is Mark Gibson, Tim Franklin, John Kosmina, Jean Paul de Marigny, Gerry Gomez, Frank Farina, Tom McCulloch, Tony Dakos, Peter Raskopoulos, Marshall Soper, Chris Kalantzas, Wally Savo, Zarko Odzakovic, Graham Arnold, Graham Jennings, Robbie Slater, Mark Brown, Alex Bundalo, Rod Brown, Ian Gray, David Lowe, Paul Carter and Robbie Wheatley.

Australia plays New Zealand on October 25 and November 2. Arok will take a squad of 18 to New Zealand for the match there.



© Ernie Tapai

"We have to establish our supremacy over New Zealand and make certain that everyone knows that we are No. 1 in this region. These are very serious games for me and I'm going to prepare properly for what I expect will be a big performance. Only players 100 percent fit, players ready to die for their country, will take the field against New Zealand," said Arok.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

By
CRAIG
MACKENZIE

Brunswick Juventus and Sydney Croatia face crunch games tonight (Wednesday) without star players while Adelaide Juventus and St. George sit back smug and content in the knowledge that they already will compete in the Northern and Southern Division Grand Finals respectively, to be held on Sunday.

Juventus and Croatia are the champion teams of the Southern and Northern Divisions of the NSL but they could bow out of the finals race right now.

Juventus squares up to Footscray JUST at Olympic Park No. 1 at 7.30pm. Juventus

is without injured midfielders Mike Petersen and John Dowie and striker Scott Patterson, sent off last Sunday in Juventus' 2-0 loss to Adelaide Juventus. And midfielder Rob Cullen was booked last Sunday and is expected to be out suspended.

Drago Rezo was sent off after clashing with Craig Moffitt in the 30th minute to high flying St. George last Sunday. Moffitt too was sent off and while Rezo at least has the chance to play in the Grand Final, providing Croatia beats Olympic at St. George Stadium tonight at 7.30pm, Moffitt's only chance of reappearing this season is if St. George wins Sunday's Grand Final and goes on to take part in the national championship play-off.

Adelaide Juventus will take on the winner of tonight's Brunswick Juventus-Footscray JUST clash in the Southern Division Grand Final at Olympic

Park No. 1 on Sunday at 3pm. St. George will meet the winner of the Croatia-Olympic clash in the Northern Division Grand Final at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday at 3pm.

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(Tonight)
Brunswick Juventus v Footscray JUST at Olympic Park No. 1, 7.30pm.
Sydney Olympic v Sydney Croatia at St. George Stadium, 7.30pm.

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curious situation to say the least.

How Brunswick Juventus must rue its decision to suspend striker Joe Sweeney for the remainder of the season after an incident in Juve's motel in Brisbane late in the season.

Sweeney also was told not to bother training so even if Juventus has a change of heart and recalls the striker to bolt

ster its depleted line-up. Sweeney would be far from match fit.

JUST coach Dragos Sekulic was expected to bring Warren Spink into the starting line-up in place of out-of-form striker Ossie Latif. Spink replaced Latif in JUST's 2-0 win over George Cross last Sunday and scored a second-half goal.

This is a second-to-none chance for JUST to knock Juventus out of the finals. Juventus coach Len McKendry will be forced to call on Fabio Incanalupo and probably David Vesnaver to fill the gaps left by the absence of so many top players.

Croatia player-coach Vedran Rozic may not be fit enough to face Olympic tonight and that could tip the balance in Olympic's favor.

So it's an Olympic-St. George Grand Final in the north for me and I'll be as bold as to tip a JUST-Adelaide Juventus Grand Final in the south.

Thomson to quit?

By
PETER SCOTT

The National League's most successful coach, Eddie Thomson, may take a year's break from the game.



© Eddie Thomson: "I might take a year's break from club soccer."

Murray the compere

Les Murray will compere 'Soccer Action's' first ever NSW State League awards night to be held at the Fraternity Building and Recreation Club in Fairy Meadow on Saturday, October 11, starting at 7.30pm.

'Soccer Action's' chief NSW correspondent, Alex Vasic, has organised the gala occasion which will feature five major awards. Vasic will be on hand to present the awards on Thursday, October 9 and Channel 4 Wollongong and ABC TV also will promote the awards night which promises to be one of the highlights of the NSW State League season.

The NSW State League Player of the Year

wins a return trip to Europe. The award is sponsored by Air Malta.

Inway Pty. Ltd., a Caltex company, will provide \$500 and a commemorative plaque to the top goal-scorer.

The State League Under 21 Player of the Year award is sponsored by the Fraternity Club which will provide the winner with a cheque for \$300 and a plaque.

Caltex is sponsoring the Coach of the Year award to the tune of \$200 and a plaque.

A NSW State League Team of the Year will be announced, including four reserves. The 15 players each will receive a medallion to mark the occasion.

compete for the signature of a goalkeeper, either Tony Franklin of Canberra or Clint Gosling of Newcastle, as well as the Reeboks' utility player John Cavanagh and striker Sean Ingham.

Among the Hakoah players who will be seeking new contracts with the club are Soccerco striker Frank Farina and utility stalwart Grant Lee.

Thomson who is manager, as well as coach, of Hakoah, claimed he has been given no opportunity to discuss next season's budget with the Hakoah board of directors. Although it seems reasonable safe to discount rumors of Hakoah quitting the NSL, the social club's board is adamant about the amount it will spend on soccer, has taken its toll.

There is no doubt that Thomson would prefer to continue with Hakoah, where he has achieved singular success, but the never-ending tug-of-war over the club's future between soccer supporters and the board of directors of the social club apparently has taken its toll.

"We have submitted a budget of \$310,000 for the 1987 season, but the club is not willing to go beyond this year's allocation of \$200,000," Thomson said last Sunday.

"This would make it very hard for us to retain some of the players whose contracts are up for renewal, and to buy the type of players we need. Frankly, the uncertainty is starting to wear down our enthusiasm, but I won't make a final decision for at least another week or two. In fact, I might even take a year's break from club soccer," Thomson, who is also assistant coach of the Soccerroos, said.

A few weeks ago, Thomson was full of enthusiasm for next season, planning to retain all his current stars and

even though this year's budget was exceeded by some \$50,000.

According to Hakoah soccer chairman, Andrew Kemeny, who is also a member of the social club's board of directors, the amount spent on soccer only makes up six percent of the Hakoah club's total annual expenditure. It is anticipated that Hakoah club president Frank Lowy will call a meeting of soccer supporters next month to discuss the future.

Members of the clubs supporters' committee already have indicated that they will forcefully point out that the social club was established for the express purpose of making Hakoah's participation in top class soccer financially feasible on a continuous basis.

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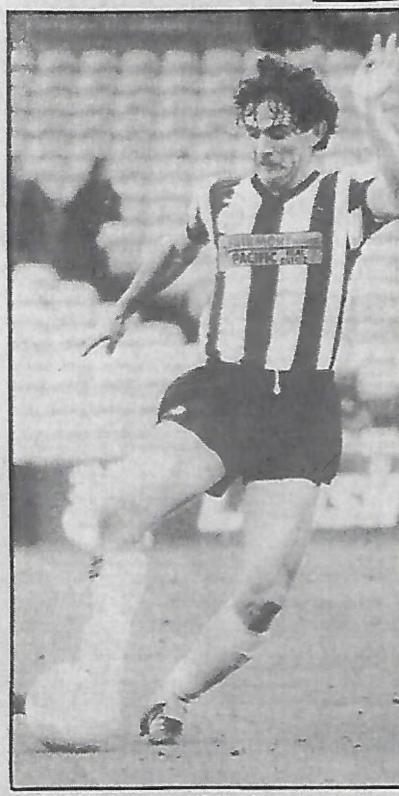
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THE NSL FINALS

Adelaide Juventus wins brotherly war

Allan Crisp



• Adelaide Juventus midfielder Serge Melta — injury forced him to be replaced early in the second half by Paul Wilde.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Villani 67th, Vidmar 69th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0
Southern Division major semi-final at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 5400. Cautions: Yendoorn, Cullen, Patterson (BJ); Villani (AJ). Sent off: Patterson (BJ). Referee: Jim Reeves (Newcastle) 8.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 8, Shulman 2, Nyshoh 9, Flanagan 7, Tobin 8 — Sarrac 7, Melta 7 (Wilde 48th) 7, Villani 7, Vidmar 8, Maxwell. Coach: Zoran Matic.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Banovic 7 — Lewis 7, Brown 8, Yendoorn 7, E. Campbell 7, Palatidis 7, Wade 8, Djurakovic 8, Cullen 8, Villani 8, Patterson (off) 8. Coach: Len McKendry.

Any gambling man would have bet on a certainty that Juventus, the team which wears black-and-white vertical stripes and the team which has Mr. Caruso as president, would win the Southern Division major semi-final.

For the uninitiated, the sister Juventus clubs both wear black-and-white striped shirts and both have a Mr. Caruso as president. Charlie Caruso is chief at Adelaide City Juventus while Joe Caruso is the Brunswick Juventus boss. Adelaide harbored a huge sense of injustice as it entered this semi-final as it believed it had been denied the right to play on its home ground (Olympic Sports Field) and that it had also been cheated in not being allowed to wear its home strip.

Brunswick was equally adamant that, as Southern Division Champion, it should never have been asked to play outside of Melbourne and it stuck firmly to its right, as the originally named home team, to wear its home strip.

So the family bonds of friendship were stretched to the limit before kick-off and the spite spilled onto the pitch.

Man of the match:
BUGSY NYSKOHUS
(Ad. Juventus)

Adelaide City made its feelings felt when it ran on wearing its black-and-white vertical shirts over the top of its away shirts.

The zebra shirts were discarded to reveal the bright yellow and severely contrasting red shorts — a very colorful sight.

But the next problem to be overcome was to dispel thoughts that the black-and-white Port Adelaide Football Club drill team was not at Hindmarsh to encourage Brunswick.

So the shapely ladies danced deliriously when Adelaide City made its entrance and was unmoved when Brunswick took the field.

With all this up-staging wagging, the risk was that the

game would come as a bitter anti-climax, but this did not happen.

Earlier, during the league season, the rivalry had spawned not a single goal in two draws.

At half time this time Brunswick had kept Adelaide scoreless again despite City having the advantage of a strong wind.

With Paul Wade, Rob Cullen, Joe Palatidis and Mehmet Djurakovic in charge of the midfield, Brunswick held sway, but Paul Shulman's close marking of Andrew Zinni nullified the advantage.

The second half started badly for City when ace midfielder Sergio Melta had to be replaced by Paul Wilde.

Melta stayed on for the first half, but the effects of an early tackle finally forced him off.

Brunswick was unlucky in the 58th minute when a long Zinni throw was flicked on by Scott Patterson before Burke hit the far post with a header.

Two minutes later, a John Yendoorn cross was narrowly missed by the supporting Wade.

The complexion changed in the 67th minute when substitute Wilde sent Steve Maxwell away and the Socceros squad member's cross found Charley Villani.

Irrepressible Villani shrugged off two challenges from pursuing opponents before slanting his ground shot past Yakkha Banovic.

City breached the killa after 70 minutes later as Andrew Vidmar met a rebound off a Maxwell shot with a spectacular diving header.

Brunswick went hunting for revenge as Zyndoroff had a header saved by Willie McNally before the city goalkeeper had to race off his line to deny Zinni after he swooped onto a loose back pass.

McNally stopped Brunswick again when he grabbed a Wade header, but there was more drama to come in the dying moments and in time added for injury and stoppage.

Villani was felled by a solid tackle from Djurakovic and when Villani regained his feet, he flicked a fist at his opponent.

That brought a caution from

referee Jim Reeves and a minute later Villani was on the floor again after a clash with Patterson in a behind-the-play incident.

Referee Reeves had his attention drawn to the incident by linesman Tom McRoe and then sent off Patterson.

City coach Zoran Matic said, "It was a difficult game against a team of masters — they wanted to compete physically by chasing and tackling and hassling."

"There was not much imagination in their play. They could only get chances to score from throws."

Brunswick Juventus coach Len McKendry said his team had used physical tactics all year and said the pressure his team applied had helped it to win the league.

"We went out with the idea to pressure the opposition which we always do and I think we did that."

"Other than not scoring goals I was delighted with the team's performance. We dominated the game and Adelaide City had just two breaks to score the two goals."

Tapai and Stosic tear George Cross apart

FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Nikitovic penalty 45th, Spink 89th) GEORGE CROSS 0. Southern Division minor semi-final at Olympic Park. Crowd: about 5,000. Cautions: Richardson, Faulkner, Parton (GC). Referee: Rob Davies 8.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Nikitovic 7 — Barjaktarevic 7, Vukcevic 8, Karic 7 — Tapai 9, Stosic 9, Bozynski 8, Peterovic 8, Cullen 7, Latif 7, Spink 89th, Eadic 6, Djurakovic 7, Cullen 8. GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 7 — James 7, Richardson 7, Parton 6, Campoli 7 (Lennon 77th) — Bain 7, Innes 6 (Edward 71st), Faletti 6, Markowski 7, Mitten 6, Gilder 6. Coach: John Gardner.

Ernie Tapai and Vlado Stosic tore the George Cross midfield to shreds while George Cross's best midfielder, Don MacLaren, watched his team mates bow out of the Southern Division final from the bench as MacLaren was suspended.

He was sadly missed.

To make matters worse for George, when coach John Gardner took of John Campbell in the 77th minute and put MacLaren on a tactical switch, leaving George Cross' midfield John Markowski was virtually pleading to be taken off as he was that tired. Had the game gone into extra time, a possibility because JUST only was leading 1-0 at the time, George Cross virtually would have been playing with 10 men for Markowski, to put it bluntly, was knackered.

Tapai earned the Man-of-



Man of the match:
ERNE TAPAI
(JUST)

the-match award for the consistency of his performance but Stosic's superb close control was on show time and again as he dribbled clear of opponents at will, leaving them chasing shadows.

This was the Stosic that coach Dragoslav Sekularac had predicted in the Stosic that in just a handful of performances captured the imagination of the soccer public. And this was the Tapai that national coach Frank Arok has earmarked for Joe Watson's Soccerco role.

Tyrone James was magnificently in the first half, keeping JUST's best striker, Zdravko Lujic, almost kickless. Forced to push forward more in the second half, James relinquished his close checking role on Lujic who relished the freedom and got a lot more of the ball in this period.

But George Cross should have taken the lead in the 5th minute. It was to be its best chance of the entire contest.

Carl Gilder's lay-off was superb, So Mitten's new Noel Mitten raced clear and Zoran Nikitovic advanced. Mitten slipped the ball over the falling body of the JUST goalie. It was well executed. It had goal width all over it. Imagine Mitten's dismay as he watched the ball trundle just wide of the far post.

Rade Barjaktarevic was picking up Mitten while Tom Karic had the job of keeping Gilder in check. Both George Cross strikers did well in the first half but were relatively

quiet in the second stanza.

As the match developed, it became clear that big Shaun Parton was going to come up into the JUST penalty area for every set-piece situation. But Parton, for all his ability in the air, consistently fouled either Nikitovic or a JUST defender, wasting chances to score.

In the 52nd minute, Keogh

scored his first goal for Footscray JUST.

JUST never had a good strike at goal in the first 45 minutes. Until the last kick of the half.

It came from the penalty spot and goalkeeper Nikitovic converted in style. Steve Richardson who had had a great first half, blotted his copybook when he elbowed Vukcevic in an off-the-ball incident as a Tapai corner. JUST's second successive one, came over.

Referee Rob Davies booked Richardson and awarded a penalty to JUST.

A minute into the second half, a superb through ball by Vlado Stosic sent Lujic through, cutting in from the left. Lujic played the ball low into the goalmouth, but Ossie Latif was on the wrong side of Parton who combined with Sean Keogh to clear.

Latif had a stinker, his second in a row. If JUST is to go further in the final, Latif must contribute more, but I fear that Sekularac could be running out of patience and I expect Warren Spink to play against Brunswick Juventus tonight in the preliminary final.

Spink replaced Latif in the 78th minute and capped JUST's final goal spell with a goal in the 88th minute.

Markowski sent over a corner to the penalty spot in the 54th minute. Richardson was

unmarked but volleyed miles over first time.

Four minutes later, Stosic played a great long ball to Lujic on the left of the George Cross area. Parton did well to get in a tackle on Lujic and as the ball rolled free Keogh was quick to come off his line and gather.

In the 62nd minute, Kevin Innes had a right wing ball and crossed to the far post, Mitten tried a spectacular first time overhead attempt and he was the first to get the mark either. The ball lobbed just wide of the post.

With ten minutes left, George should have been put out of its misery. Tapai crossed from the right to the unmarked Belic at the far post. Belic has a lot of experience as a defender and headed this ball as if he was guarding the George Cross goal. He completely misfired it and blew a great chance.

With 10 minutes left, Tapai got clear on the right wing and cut the ball back to Spink, but he too misfired his attempt, a first time shot from six metres.

George Cross couldn't create chances. JUST could, and it finally put the nail in the George Cross coffin.

Spink played the ball short to Vlado Bozynski in centre-field and took off on a long, off-the-ball run through the middle. Bozynski crossed the ball wide on the left and Lujic hit it first time, on the turn, into Spink's path. Keogh charged out of goal but Spink neatly slipped it wide of the advancing goalkeeper and into the near corner to make it 2-0.

It was a magnificently engineered goal. And thoroughly deserved.



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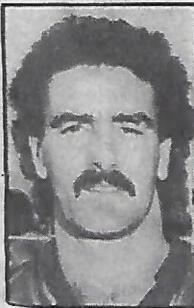
Zoran Nikitovic (left) has scored Footscray JUST's first goal from the penalty spot, against George Cross. Nikitovic is being congratulated by Vlado Bozynski (right). Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Man of the match:
TONY DAKOS
(Olympic)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2
(Phillips pen. 22nd, Soper 68th) **MARCONI 1** (Lowe 1st), at St. George Stadium. Crowd: 6305 (double header). Referee: Jim



• Marshall Soper scored the winning goal



• Craig Mason

Marconi up in arms!

Rossi 7. Sent off: Mason (M) 65th. Northern Division minor semi-final.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8 — Rogers 7, Coady 7, Mason 9, Spanoudakis 7 — Raskopoulos 6, Phillips 7, Johnstone 6, Estavillo 7 — Soper 7, Kalantzis 7. Coach: Manfred Scheuer.

MARCONI: James 7 — Coady 7, Phillips 7, Gray 7, Wheatley 7 — Mason 7 (sent off 65th), Tredinnick 6, Gray 7 — Lowe 7, Brown 6, El Ali 6 (Jankovic 60th, sub. Gunning 83rd). Coach: Les Scheinfug.

"We wuz robbed," was the cry from the Marconi camp following Olympic's hard-fought victory at St. George Stadium last Sunday.

In a game full of incident, four yellow cards and one red were dished out by referee Jim Rossini of Adelaide.

Marconi claimed after the match that Rossini erred in awarding a 22nd minute penalty to Olympic, while not awarding one for an earlier incident which saw Gary Phillips bring down David Lowe inside the penalty area.

Marconi led 1-0 almost from the kick off. A Craig Mason through ball saw Osvaldo El Ali break through on the right flank. He cut his cross low for Lowe to side foot his shot inside the near post.

Marconi continued to attack and only a few minutes later, Lowe was through again but was foiled by Phillips from behind the ball, ran low and the referee waved play on. Lowe was not impressed. Neither was the Marconi bench.

After 22 minutes an incident inside Marconi's penalty area caused a stir as well as an equaliser which was alleged by the losing side to be too harsh. Chris Kalantzis made one of his jinky runs, cutting through the Marconi midfield, but looked to have lost the ball as it bounced over the head of Craig Mason just inside the penalty area. Kalantzis attempted to run around Mason and in the process appeared to have man-handled the Marconi midfielder, who in turn impeded the progress of the Olympic forward.



Alex Vesic

The referee had no hesitation in awarding the penalty. Phillips made no mistake with his shot.

Kalantzis appeared to have been impeded earlier on in the 13th minute after a tussle with Paul Carter but failed to impress the referee with his dive. However, he was lucky the second time around. I feel that at best Kalantzis would have been happy with an indirect free kick, but I was a long way away in the Press room after all.

A clash between Mason and Phillips saw Mason receive his marching orders after 65 minutes leaving Marconi with one player and one man short. Phillips was adjudged to have fouled Mason

but the Marconi midfielder appeared to have trodden on the fallen Phillips. Mason was sent off, the game was stopped for a few minutes while Phillips was attended to and one could hardly argue with the decision of the referee on this occasion.

Despite the loss of Mason, Marconi looked stronger in the closing stages and attacked with Gary Meier having to make some fine saves to keep his team in the race.

His save from a header by Lowe was first class while a fierce drive by Peter Raskopoulos at the other end was well saved by Bruce James. Then came the final of two chances for Marshall Soper.

Soper, the man who clashed consistently with Marconi defenders, managed to beat the offside trap and face James

but hesitated and the chance was lost.

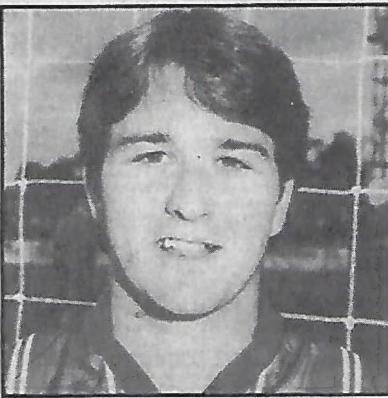
Then, with two minutes to go, he received the ball from Phillips to face James at an angle. His vicious right footer crashed into the net and Soper shared his delight by running a lap of honor.

Marconi coach Les Scheinfug was livid with his defence for allowing Soper to run free and was on the bench shouting instructions.

"Let's go forward!" yelled Scheinfug.

The game lasted fully 95 minutes, but Marconi could not break the well-organised and well-led Olympic defence. Tony Dakos was the star, stopping everything Marconi could throw at Olympic and was ably supported by Coady and Meier.

The game ended on a sour note. Kalantzis was brought down behind the pie end of the pitch on the ground as the referee signalled the end of the match. He was helped off by players and officials, while the culprit went unpunished.



• David Lowe — brought down from behind by Gary Phillips but the referee waved play on

MOFFITT, REZO SENT OFF

ST GEORGE 3 (Ricoy 8th, Koczka 11th, Ollerenshaw 55th) SYDNEY CROATIA 0. Northern Division major semi-final at St. George Stadium. Referee: Chris Cambridge 9. Crowd 6305 (double header). Sent off: Moffitt (St. G); Rezo (SC).

ST. GEORGE: Greedy 8 — Skeen 8, Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 8, R. O'Shea 7, J. O'Shea 7, McLean 7 (sent off 75th), Ricoy 8 (Orszagh 79th) — Petkovski 6 (Slavenski 46th), 5, Koczka 8, Ollerenshaw 8, Cambridge 8, Arok.

CROATIA: Mason 5 — Rezo 6 (sent off 75th), Rumor 6, M. Kovacic 7 (Clinch 54th), Jennings 7 — Odzakovic 7 (A. Kovacic 87th), Savor 6, Petkovski 6, Jurin 5, Arnold 5, Lemand 7. Coach: Vedran Rasic.

Two players were sent off as St. George stormed

Man of the match:
ANDREW KOCZKA
(St. George)

home against Croatia to qualify for the Northern Division Grand Final.

Craig Moffitt and Drago Rezo were sent off after a mid-field scuffle which saw Moffitt decked.

It was an unfortunate incident and the two youngsters will rue their action.

St. George never looked troubled by the highly fancied Croatia and sauntered home after an early mistake by Steve Watson.

A free kick to St. George after an infringement by Marjan Kovacic saw Pedro Ricoy slot the ball from close to the corner flag into the penalty

area. The strong wind deflected Watson and the keeper only managed to touch the ball as it settled into the crossbar.

It was an indirect free kick and if Watson hadn't touched it then the game would have continued with a goalkick to Croatia rather than a restart in central. It was an inexplicable error by Watson, but certainly not the one which swung the game Saints way.

Three minutes later, Andy Koczka put in a strong header from a cross by David Skeen and it was 2-0.

The game was signed, sealed and delivered to St. George there and then.

For the rest of this match it was a matter of "by how many" and not would St. George win. Chances came, thick and fast, but the second period with young Kenny Slavenski missing two siters and Scott Ollerenshaw one.

However, Ollerenshaw did score following a great run by David Skeen. He beat at least three would-be tackles, ex-

changed passes with Ricoy then found Ollerenshaw who raced through to beat Watson.

Croatia was humbled by a superior side, but its defence must take the blame for most of the problems.

The absence of player-coach Vedran Rasic was a blow. The side lacked cohesion for most of the match and after an injury to Marjan Kovacic, fell to pieces. Zarko Odzakovic moved to sweeper, Wally Savor to stopper, Ante Rumor was in most places but not where he was supposed to be — in defence — while the rest of the side, particularly the forwards, looked sluggish.

Rozic, still recovering from injury, will have his hands full during the next couple of days to prepare his side for the Grand Final. Olympic with Marjan Kovacic and David Rezo out of the side.

For St. George everything went according to plan. Skeen was given enough room on the right flank to have his own party. John O'Shea was dominant



in midfield as was Koczka, playing just behind the twin striking force of Petkovski and Ollerenshaw.

At times Saints looked awesome with their quick passing and lightning striking which baffled Croatia.

The team that looked doomed to relegation after six league rounds now is in the Grand Final with a side that would not fetch much money in today's transfer market. Even with the fallen aussie dollar taken into account!

— ALEX VESIC

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Fiji's George Best ousted for drinking

He's been likened to George Best, a Sydney club offered him a bride (that's right, bride, not bribe) to sign for it and although he's been described as the most promising player ever produced in his country he can't get a game in the national team.

Ivor Evans would be a star in Australia but the 20-year-old midfielder wants to remain in Fiji.

However, he's getting increasingly restless. Continually being passed over for

By KNUST WERNER

national team selection is making him so.

Like Best, controversy follows Evans around like a faithful pet.

He has been convicted for drunk and disorderly behaviour and he is at the centre of a controversy over his part in trouble which erupted between Fiji and New Zealand last year.

"I drink when I'm frustrated or angry," says Evans.

It's that kind of straightforward admission that irks Fiji Football Association officials,

none more so than FFA president Hari Pal Singh, who announced, after Evans' conviction, that the drunk and disorderly charge that the bushy-haired star never would play for Fiji again. Singh later withdrew his vow after mounting pressure from the media and the Fiji Law Society.

Evans first made a name for himself in 1984 as player-coach of the Labasa team which won the World Youth Championship Finals to be held in the USSR later that year.

The 'Fiji Times' quoted Evans, during that tournament, as saying: "We should have won in Australia but the Australians started calling us racist names in the players' tunnel..."

Evans claimed that APIA, Sydney Olympic and Canberra-based West Woden Juventus all tried to sign him.

Sydney Olympic had jacked up a girl for me to marry and stay back the honest truth, brother," the 'Fiji Times' quoted Evans as saying after the tournament.

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TO THE EDITOR

SIR —

I would like to know why the NSL or OASL is not called the Ethnic Soccer League?

After the unfair way in which the competition has been reorganized, how can they justify calling it a National League? Furthermore, not one Australian-backed club is now in the competition and Newcastle was unfairly dumped.

I would like to clearly state that I am of Macedonian origin.

The NSL management committee is of an ethnic background, the clubs are all run by ethnic and most of the supporters are also ethnic. So why not call it the Ethnic Sydney-Melbourne League?

How quickly people forget the great job Newcastle has done for Australian soccer!

— Victor Kanjarovski, Adamstown, NSW

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PROGRAMME OF MATCHES

SUNDAY 6/10/86, St George Stadium

10.30 3rd Grade GRAND FINAL MELITA EAGLES — SUTHERLAND

12.30 2nd Grade GRAND FINAL MELITA EAGLES — FRESHWATER

2.45 1st Grade GRAND FINAL MELITA EAGLES — SUTHERLAND



• Carlo Giovenco accepts the trophy for Sutherland's third grade minor premiership win. Giovenco scored one of the goals in Sutherland's 2-1 win over Rockdale Ilinden in the finals last weekend, setting up a Grand Final clash in third grade with Melita next Monday at St George Stadium.

SUTHERLAND V. MELITA

Sutherland Sharks will be represented in two Grand Finals next Monday at St George Stadium following their fine performances last Sunday at Melita Stadium.

In third grade, predictably, Sutherland overpowered Rockdale Ilinden 2-1. Despite the closeness of the result, Sutherland was always going to win this one and qualify for a crack at Melita Eagles.

In fourth grade, again predictably, Sutherland took the wind out of Manly's sails to go through to the Grand Final and face Melita. I said "predictably" because I predicted victories for Sutherland.

Freshwater and Penrith fought out a hard battle in the second grade qualifying final to finish 1-1 at full time and also extra time. Then came the penalties, shown on TV with Freshwater outscoring Penrith 14-13! Only three penalties out of 30 were missed. Greg Friend scored the decisive penalty for Freshwater when Penrith failed to convert. Well, somebody had to miss.

Will Sutherland be strong enough to worry the Eagles in the first grade Grand Final?

Dennis Hoggart, the Melita coach, wasn't worried which opponent his side faces in the Grand Final next Monday. Hoggart was at the NSL finals at St George Stadium last Sunday, obviously satisfied with the knowledge he has gathered about his possible foe.

Sutherland hasn't been easy picking for Melita this year. 180 minutes of football between the two sides failed to provide a single goal. Both sides are well equipped at the back, obviously and it appears that there is not much difference between the sides.

Melita will have to rely on fast running Foxman, hard shooting Farnsworth and nippy Vial to provide the early breakthrough. If all else fails then there is a chance that Kenny Wilson will strike from set-play situations.

The onus is on Melita to win all three grades and the first side to provide Melita with suc-

cess should be its youth brigade.

If those Melita youngsters walk into this game thinking of one thing — how to beat Sutherland — and forget about the triple trophy, then I rate the chances of the Melita young-

sters highly.

Giovenco, Christodolou and Mellier of Sutherland will be the most dangerous players for the Sharks while Ortiz, the youngster who sunk the Sharks last time the two sides met, Vella and Pazos will have to be watched closely.

Probable line-ups:

MELITA EAGLES: Avelling — Furness, Lomas, Cabess — Daley, Baldacchino, Solidakis — Dalton, McCannor, Leric.

FRESHWATER: Bowman — G. Ewers, S. Ewers, Placer, Ouvrier — Friend, Garrett, Cleary — Dunn, Sandner, Nacinovic.



Air Malta player of the year award

No further list of leading players will be published. The winner will be announced at the "Soccer Action" Player of the Year dinner to be held at the Fraternity club in Fairy Meadow on October 11.

SUTHERLAND 1 (Sharpe 75th) MANLY WARRINGAH 0 at BURCHMORE 8 — Nelson 8, Terry 8, Burrows 8, Sellar 8, Lerond 7 (Meades 8, Harrington 7, Johnston 7 — Hughes 7, Sharpe 7 (Hill 80th).

MANLY WARRINGAH: Catlin 7 — Dennis 8, Dick 8, Etherington 7 (Simpson 75th), Van Egmond 7 — Marshall 7, Campbell 7, Dean 7, Stuart 7, Allan 6, McIntosh 6.

FRESHWATER 1 (Cleary) PENRITH CITY 1 (Grey) at MELITA 1 (Bennet 75th) BURCHMORE 14-13 on penalties.

Second Grade qualifying final:

FRESHWATER: Bowman — G. Ewers, S. Ewers, Placer, Ouvrier — Cleary, Friend, Garrett — Dunn, Sandner, Nacinovic.

PENRITH CITY: Townsend — Foster, Whelan, Carnevale, Thompson — Montgomery, Plumb, Grey, Curtis — Skoda, Roll (Webber 80th).

3RD GRADE 2 (Christodolou, Giovenco) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Alevski) at MELITA 1 (Bennet, Ashton, Ensor, Fielding, Eiser, Long, Foster 80th), Giovenco, Christodolou — Laney, Pearson, Mellier.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Linden 75th) MELITA 1 (Bennet, Ashton, Ensor, Fielding, Eiser, Long, Foster 80th), Giovenco, Christodolou — Laney, Pearson, Mellier.

4TH GRADE 2 (Linden 75th) MELITA 1 (Bennet, Ashton, Ensor, Fielding, Eiser, Long, Foster 80th), Giovenco, Christodolou — Laney, Pearson, Mellier.

5TH GRADE 2 (Linden 75th) MELITA 1 (Bennet, Ashton, Ensor, Fielding, Eiser, Long, Foster 80th), Giovenco, Christodolou — Laney, Pearson, Mellier.

Sharpe wins it for Sutherland

Sutherland qualified for the first grade Grand Final courtesy of a Daryl Sharpe opportunist goal close to the end and following a corner kick from Mark Harrington.

It was a fitting reward for one of the State's best clubs over the last two years.

Goals have been hard to come by for Sutherland in 1986, but the side is still in there punching and with a determined effort by its players the Sharks could give Melita something to think about.

The chances were there

against Manly last weekend but the finishing was poor and one goal stood between the two sides at the end of the match, sending Sutherland into the Grand Final.

Manly tried hard all day but its only effort came from Paul Marshall close to the end. From a free kick some 30 metres out, Marshall brought the best out of Burchmore with a superb drive.

That apart, Manly labored and achieved little, while Sutherland had at least two more good openings which went begging.

McKendry's the man the Press loves to hate

When the referee blew the final whistle at Middle Park on September 14 and signalled the end of the 1986 NSL season, the winning coach got up off the bench and without a sign of emotion walked straight into the dressing room.

Not for him the celebratory war-whoops with the players, despite the fact that he had taken a team to a league championship for the third year in a row, for Len McKendry doesn't wear his heart on his sleeve.

As he walked off, he only perfunctorily acknowledged an ecstatic Brunswick Juventus supporter's wide smile of self-congratulation, for once again he had proved his many critics wrong.

By winning the Southern Division championship for the third time (the NSL has belatedly recognised that the team on top at the end of the home and away series should be called the champion), McKendry rightly takes his place in the record books as the most successful coach in Victoria.

And his record bears comparison even with that of Eddie Thomson, whose five championships with Sydney Hakoah were attained with a stable squad and a strong core of internationals.

When, at the start of the season, McKendry sensationally switched clubs with John Margaritis, who had just won the final five series while McKendry's South Melbourne Hellas had topped the league, the critics said: "Nudge, nudge, wink, wink, now we'll see. Look what a wanker's come to town." And at Hellas, including the country's top goalscorer, Charlie Egan, he'll find a difference at Jove."

So what happened? While Hellas slumped along on the fringe of the five, and an unhappy Charlie Egan found himself with more partners than Zsa Zsa Gabor, Jove went neck and neck with Footscray JUST at the top, until it snatched the title with that incredible 3-0 victory on the last day.

McKendry knockers say he's too defensive, but this season his team managed to score more goals than any other Southern Division team (33), and won more games (11).

But the enigma remains. McKendry is as unpopular with most of the Press as ever and we'll have a Protestant Pope before he ever wins a Coach of the Year award.

As Professor Julius Sumner Miller would say: "Why is it so?"

Of course, McKendry doesn't always answer his phone if it is claimed and can be about as huggable as a prickly pear, but he must have something. So what's the answer? What makes him tick?

I managed to corner the man in an interval between

the Juventus championship celebrations, but it wasn't easy.

The first question I asked was one that intrigued me the most. How can you switch from a winning team to another that starts winning straight away with hardly any transitional period in between?

"Well," says McKendry, with hardly a pause for reflection, "I'd already formed an opinion of Juventus, and it was far too indirec for my liking. It had scored only nine goals away from home for instance in the previous season and that wasn't going to suit me. I have certain fundamentals that I look for, and for me the ideal team must have plenty of pace up front and good players at the back."

"I've been with three good clubs — Heidelberg, South Melbourne and Juventus — and I've been lucky that I've had good players at the back like Jim Tansey, John Yzendoorn and Brian Brown. And at all three clubs, we always had the country's top goalscorer — Gary Cole in 1980 and '81, Doug Brown in '83 and '84 and, of course, Charlie Egan last year."

"This season at Juventus we were dogged from the start by injuries to young strikers like Fab Incalalupu and Andrew Zinni. Even so, Zinni finished the season on a high note, and still scored 11 goals. But we didn't have to rely on just one striker, because as the season became a much more direct side, we had more and more because we had so many good players who were encouraged to go forward. Nicky Guly and Terry Cole scored goals, and that's how we finished up with 37."

McKendry first came to Victoria as the State Director of Coaching in 1978, and for three years selected and coached the very successful State team.

But the job palled after a while.

"I'm competitive by nature and I found myself going to matches on Sundays and itching to get involved," he says. So he asked to be relieved of the State director's job, and went to Heidelberg as coach in 1980.

The Bergers finished in second place that season, a point behind Sydney Hakoah, but gained a measure of revenge by thrashing Hakoah 4-0 in a memorable Top Four final in Cannerra. Cole scored a hat-trick. Heidelberg scored the most goals that year too (55), compared with Hakoah's 53.

Despite his success at Heidelberg, he left the club the next year when he couldn't get the contract he reportedly had been promised, and went to Melbourne Croatia as a stop-gap measure.

However, when Heidelberg started off 1982 badly, McKendry went back there and stayed till the end of the season. In 1983 he had a short stint with Green Gully until Leo Anezakis, then president, lured him to South Melbourne Hellas.

McKendry thinks very highly of Anezakis. "He's a gentleman through and through, and he always keeps his

word," he says, "and that doesn't apply to many people in this game, believe me."

Under Anezakis and McKendry, Hellas had a marvellous year in 1984. It bolted the new National (later Southern) Division, winning by five points from arch enemy Heidelberg, then went on to win the national championship, beating Sydney Olympic.

And there wasn't any question of defensive play.

Either the team had the most wins (18), scored the most goals (48), and conceded the least (20). But club politics intervened, and there was a change of president.

McKendry was asked to leave, but says Anezakis implored him to stay and he did, because he said he felt obliged to players who had signed for two years, expecting to play under him.

1985 wasn't half bad either. The new league was shorter, by six games, than the previous one, but Charlie Egan had the same magic year that Doug Brown had in '84, scoring 21 goals. The team again topscored with 39 and it won the division by four points from Brunswick Juventus.

It all seemed like a never-ending success story, but there were squalls ahead. The celebrations hardly had stopped when the rumors of a split between McKendry and the committee began to circulate and gradually snowballed. Hellas was prepared to let its most successful coach go.

"It was just politics," says McKendry. "I could sense the tension and in the end I was happy to go."

Brunswick Juventus president Joe Caruso astutely stepped in and before the average Hellas fan could comprehend it all, McKendry was replaced by Margaritis.

As the same fans look back on the wreckage of a disastrous 1986, they must wonder at the wisdom of it all, and they'll probably be making their feelings known at the Adidas AGM soon.

McKendry speaks of Caruso in the same warm tones he usually reserves for Anezakis.

"The professionalism of this club constantly amazes me," he says. "I often sit in on committee meetings and I'm privy to their thoughts. It's a great club with great traditions and it will be even better when it moves to Brunswick. That move will bind the fans even closer to the club. They are mostly centred in every sense and I don't think they like Olympic Park."

McKendry came here with Brian Green, who for a short while was the national coach. Does he have any ambition to be national coach himself?

"No," is the flat and instant reply. "My ambition is to stay with a team that I have built. I've become sick and tired of politicians destroying the teams that I've built, because their actions are so harmful to the game."

"I've already agreed to stay at Juventus for next year and my sole ambition is to stay in the same situation that we have at Juventus and keep on developing a great team. I didn't come to Australia to coach the national team. I came here to put into practice ideas that I believe in, and I just hope to be allowed to go on doing that, preferably at Juventus."



Len McKendry: "I've become sick and tired of politicians destroying the teams that I've built."

Brett Woods wins NSW Rothmans

By ALEX VESIC

Brett Woods, the 23-year-old defender from Uruguayan Auburn, last week won the 1986 NSW Rothmans Medal at a function held at the Hilton Hotel.

In a nail-biting finish, Woods pipped Larry Berringer of Fairy Meadow by one point and Billy Pilovski of Rockdale Ilinden by two points.

Woods, formerly of Sydney Croatia, was a popular winner. He first was introduced to Rothmans Medal competition at 15 years old and polled two votes. That was in 1978.

A few years later he followed up by winning the Australian Soccer Press Association (NSW branch) Under 21 award but he wasn't even at the Journalist Club to receive his trophy!

He remembers his early Rothmans Medal experiences, clearly:

"For any young player, particularly at 15 years old, it was a thrill to receive two votes in a State-wide competition such as the Rothmans Medal. I started then to dream about getting higher up on the list of best and fairest players. And to be honest I was so young I could win this medal some day."

He also well remembered not turning up for his Under 21 ASA win.

"I was furious with one of the Croatia officials who was supposed to inform me of the function held at the Journalist Club. He told me that I was invited to some function but could not give me the details. I stayed at training that night and the following day I found out that I had won the Under 21 award."

"If I had had that official near me then I would have expressed my annoyance with more than just words."

"However, this award makes up for all my disappointments. It is the greatest honor I have ever won and I'll cherish this moment for the rest of my life. I sympathise with Larry and Billy though."

Ricky Peil of Wollongong City, will be kicking himself for leaving Fairy Meadow this season. He was amongst the leaders of the Rothmans award half-way through the counting and finished with 14 votes.

When he left Fairy Meadow he was 'Soccer Action's' leading NSW State League Under 21 player and looked set to collect that award sponsored by the Fraternity Club.

Last year's winner, Heniek Sobczyk, did not play for Polonia this season until the half-way mark of the competition. Yet Sobczyk collected 17 votes and had he played in all of Polonia's matches he could have collected yet another medal.

Anthony Welburn, Wollongong Macedonia's hope in the



A smiling Brett Woods is presented with the 1986 NSW Rothmans Medal by the State Minister for Sport, Michael Cleary.

gah-Freshwater), R. Stuart (Manly-Warringah), S. Anderson (Polonia), R. Brown (Avala), Z. Blazic (Avala), D. Giannone (Warrington-Freshwater), R. Geekie (Polonia), A. Genc (Uruguayan-Auburn), T. Zic (Polonia), W. Green (Fairy Meadow), 2-M. Blagojevic (Avala), P. Berry (Rockdale), D. Bowman (Warrington-Freshwater), P. Darlington (Rockdale), I. Dick (Manly-Warringah), A. Jamison (Penrith City), P. Kirwan (Fairy Meadow), A. Lacey (Ku-Ring-Gai), P. Maguire (Fairy Meadow), B. Muzik (Wollongong-Macedonia), A. Mahamad (Polonia), V. Nasstoski (Rockdale), F. Robin (Manly-Warringah), R. Sellar (Sutherland), M. Sweeney (Wollongong-Macedonia), C. Williams (Melita-Eagles), L. Watson (Ku-Ring-Gai), J. C. Hall (Sutherland), R. Burke (Warrington-Freshwater), J. Bell (Fairy Meadow), I. Barrow (Sutherland), M. Grobelski (Rockdale), S. Dick (Manly-Warringah), V. Dalforno (Sutherland), A. Goldsworthy (Ku-Ring-Gai), C. Hill (Sutherland), D. Kevern (Ku-Ring-Gai), P. Muhlbauer (Wollongong-Macedonia), E. Penn (Avala), D. Pupovac (Melita-Eagles), D. Sharp (Sutherland), P. Ruskin (Wollongong-Macedonia), R. Sattin (Wollongong-Macedonia), B. Walker (Warrington-Freshwater), G. Wilson (Rockdale).

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IT'S ALLY DICK!

By
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MACKENZIE

Krajacic, Adams, Bruns' and Tansey are the main challengers

Ally Dick of Frankston Pines is a hot favorite to win the 1986 Victorian Rothmans Medal which will be presented at the Southern Cross Hotel in Melbourne on Friday night. Dick won the Bill Fleming Medal last Friday night.

Pines coach Danny McMinnemee is confident that Dick will win and so am I.

Mind you, my confidence has been increased after speaking to a few referees who have been in charge of matches in which Dick has played this year.

My information is that Dick has polled at least six three-votes. If the referees concerned can be believed, then with 18 votes already in the bag, Dick is going to be very, very hard to toss in Victorian

soccer's most prestigious award.

Dick certainly would be a worthy winner. The talented striker has had a very consistent season and few of his team mates can claim that accolade. Dick shouldn't have too many votes taken off him by them.

He's an attacking player and that seems to stand out as far as the referees are concerned. They're the people who decide the Rothmans Medal winner and the blond-haired Dick, with his fine close skills and nose for goals, is bound to have caught their attention.

If I'm right, then Dick would give Frankston Pines their first ever Rothmans medalist.

Dick's a good player and would like nothing better than to give the National League a try so winning the Rothmans Medal would provide him with a marvellous springboard for his aims. There's little doubt that more than a few NSL clubs are swayed in their decisions about which players to try and sign by awards such as these.

Jim Tansey won the Rothmans Medal in 1976, after having an outstanding year with Slavia. Heidelberg Alexander signed Tansey four weeks after his Rothmans success.

"The publicity generated by winning the Rothmans probably encouraged Heidelberg to sign me. People definitely take notice of the winner, there's no doubt about that," said Tansey. So a lot is at stake this Friday night.

The main challengers to Dick appear to be Robert Krajacic of St Albans Dinamo, Keith Adams of Springvale and Emil Bruns of Morwell Falcons.

And don't be surprised if Tansey polling. The veteran defender has had a fine season and he's well liked by referees because of his usually impeccable on-field attitude.

The other Croydon players

invited to the Rothmans are Andy Humble, Peter Blasby, Alec Livingstone and, as a past winner, Jim MacLean. You can forget about MacLean's chances of winning as he was sent on this season but Livingstone could well win it.

Krajacic's efforts as sweeper have been instrumental in the club's excellent goals against record in State League — three clubs, Fawkner, Springvale and Box Hill conceded the lowest number of goals, 24, and Dinamo was next with 25.

The same can be said for Springvale sweeper Adams. The other thing Adams has going for him is the way he uses the ball and how controlled he appears to be at the back. Never flustered, it is his cool

ness under pressure which catches the eye. I'm sure quite a few referees saw it that way too.

Bi Falcons stopper Bruns has had a great year. He's been his side's most consistent player by far and has caught the attention of a couple of NSL clubs already and they are bound to step up their plans to sign him if he wins the Rothmans Medal.

Little Lou Theodosopoulos wasn't selected in the first three by any of the 'Soccer Action' tipsters but I expect him to poll quite well. Melbourne has had a terrible season, one in which Theodosopoulos' ball skills stood out. He shouldn't have a great deal of competition for votes from team mates and that's in his favor.



• Jim Tansey



• Keith Adams

• Rob Krajacic

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g for Gully

Fawkner coach Frank McAleer is a man-marking task and I pick up Gully striker George Cross at Olympic Park No 2 on Saturday night. It's between Heidelberg and Croatia.

The winner of this one, Heidelberg's Alan Hunter, Theo Selimidis, and Alan McLean, while Baskin, Steve Gove, Paul Low, and others to shreds.

Deciding the outcome of this one of Gove, who is unhappy at really turn it on then Heidelberg is a gifted player, no-one becomes a better player unless he is at his best if Croatia is to

be the return from suspension Tony Redden and the availability of Sydney last week and overall factors.

Details of the Ricoh Dockerty Cup final, October 8, under lights

at Olympic Park No 1. The first match, between Caulfield and Footscray JUST, kicks off at 7pm, followed by the clash between Makedonia and George Cross.

George Cross, after the quarter-final after the draw and out of last Thursday's game scheduled for Green Gully Reserve, the VSF has charged Croydon with failing to fulfil a VSF fixture and the club will appear before the tribunal shortly.

Caulfield deserves great credit for reaching the quarter-finals but it's hard to see it taking JUST, for the George Cross-Makedonia confrontation, this is the pick of the quarter-finals and should go right down to the wire.

SATURDAY
Olympic Park No 2
Fawkner v Green Gully at 1.30pm, followed by Heidelberg v Melbourne Croatia.

WEDNESDAY
(October 8)
Olympic Park No 1
Caulfield City v Footscray JUST at 7pm, followed by George Cross v Preston Makedonia.

Man of the match:
GEORGE CAMPBELL
(Green Gully)

Green Gully 2
Box Hill 0

Scorers: Fraser 27th, Carter 50th.

Venue: Gully Reserve, Thursday.

Green Gully coach Gus MacLeod told his players before they went out for this game: "The Dockerty Cup is very important to me and to this club. I've been in three winning teams, and I want to be part of another. So you go out and do your damndest to win."

And to show he meant business, he picked his strongest possible team, considering that Stuart Cannell was suspended and Colin Quigley seemingly cup-tied. I say "seemingly" because the VSF has changed the rules concerning cup-tied players and now you can play the Dockerty Cup for a couple of clubs, providing you're legally transferred of course, but you can't play in both the Dockerty and Armstrong Cups.

But the best laid plans of mice and men come to naught when the wind blows at the Gully. What is just a gentle zephyr in town becomes a force nine gale by the time it gets to Kealba.

So it was on Thursday. Gully played with the wind at its back in the first half, and he first half hour was a farce. Gully would press and enter the box, the ball would overshoot the forward, straight into Box Hill goalie John McKinlay's arms, and he would kick the ball with all his might back again.

But his clearances rose almost vertically and sometimes nearly floated back into the penalty area, and the whole process would start again.

(Why didn't he throw the ball out to the wings?)

Now 21 players would be in Box Hill's defensive third of the ground, craning their necks as they watched the ball float up and down. It was like one of those pastimes they invent for Moomba ... called loony-ball or something.

Unfortunately, Gully's finishing was absolutely dreadful, and chance after chance went begging, with Cost Theodosio



• George Campbell

• Scott Fraser

occasionally, Gully would get the ball on the ground and try a shot, but the ball would just scream harmlessly wide, or in the case of one George Campbell volley, fly so far over the bar and out of the ground that the ball-boy needed a Melway map reference to find it.

However, some sanity was restored in the 27th minute, after a hasty Dean Hennessy clearance scraped the post and went out. From the resultant corner, Scott Fraser got the ball and with his back to goal, swivelled and hooked it powerfully past McKinlay. It was the second half, Gully demonstrated how much easier it is to play against the wind than with it.

Campbell started to play with all his old flair, scampering down the left, touch-line, skinning defenders and crossing balls with pin-point accuracy.

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keeping than Latif's scoring prowess.

Suburbs keeper Mike Kaisle was caught trying to reach Latif's intended cross into the box and the ball bounced over him into the back of the net for JUST's opening goal.

Before that, Suburbs had the ball in the net when Robert Palmaricotti hit home a cross from Billy Hamill but referee Andy Frangou disallowed the goal for offside after consultation with his linesman.

JUST put the issue beyond doubt in the 57th minute when Nick Burlak headed in Latif's cross.

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Venue: Olympic Park No. 1
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Attendance: 2000. **Crowd:** about 200. **Referee:** John Stojkovic 7. **Caution:** Humble (C), Armstrong (FPI), O'Reilly (C).

CROYDON CITY 4 (Humble 5th, 20th, 67th, Allen 30th) **FRANKSTON PINES 1** (MacLeod 51st). **State League Cup Final at Box Hill Park, Saturday.** **Crowd:** about 200. **Referee:** John Stojkovic 7. **Caution:** Humble (C), Armstrong (FPI), O'Reilly (C).

CROYDON CITY (O'Reilly, Waterman 6 — Harbinson 6, O'Reilly 6, Brown 6, Tansey 7 — Allen 7, Brogan 8 (Kidd 5, half time), Beech 7, Livingstone 5, French 5, Hamill 10, Coach: Peter Orlerton.

FRANKSTON PINES (Janssen 6, 35th) — Cummings 5, Thurlow 5, MacLeod 5, Waterson 5, Gosling 5, Runje 5, Dick 3, Cullen 3, Farnham 5, Armstrong 3, Watson 5, Coach: Danny McMinimee.

Harbinson, Allen and Kidd the Croydon of the near future. The old Croydon has been in a class of its own in the State League but Father Time and falling hair spares no-one.

Peter Orlerton, the Croydon coach, also plays for nearby Ferntree Gully, who will move on now, seeking success at National League level. Perhaps Jim Tansey will want to do the same, and Jim O'Reilly also would have potential as a coach.

Andy Humble, who single-handedly felled the Pines, is sure to get NSW offers next season, and so Croydon has to look to its youth. We didn't see enough of Kidd, but Harbinson and especially Allen, were quite impressive.

One finds, however, that Croydon may have to be content with second-best for a while, even if the likes of David Brogan, Steve Beech and Graham French soldier on. It usually takes a bit of time to rebuild such a good team. Croydon built its success on the vast experience of



• Triumphant Croydon stopper Jim O'Reilly proudly displays the State League Cup and his winner's trophy. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

HAIL HUMBLE!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Man of the match:
ANDY HUMBLE
(Croydon)

Tansey, O'Reilly, Brogan, French, Beech, Blasby and, before he was axed over a pay dispute, Maclean who, incidentally, probably will leave the club as well.

Humble was sensational. Let's look at his goals.

5th minute: free kick from Tansey is inexplicably missed by all the Pines defenders in the penalty area, and there's Humble to ram it home at the far side.

20th minute: Brogan lobs it short over MacLeod and Thurlow. Humble stretches his foot up at the ball and hits it on the turn. Great stuff!

67th minute: Tansey crosses and Humble soars to head home his third.

The other goal also came courtesy of Humble. He challenged goalkeeper Dennis Boland in the air, and his header bounced off the post, down to Andy Allen who put it away.

Earlier, Humble reached the ball at the edge of the box, ahead of Boland, but missed with his shot.

At 3-1, Humble broke through the middle but Rick Janssen, who had replaced injured Boland, pounced at his feet just inside the penalty area.

MacLeod headed in his goal following a corner.

BOX HILL (McKenna 72nd, 105th, Gagic 82nd) **ST ALBANS DINAMO 2** (Kelic 2nd, 5th, B. McMillan 4th). **State League Cup play-off for third and fourth place at Wembley Park, Saturday.** **Crowd:** about 200 (double header).

BOX HILL (McKenna 6 — Morris 6, Griffin 10th), **Davidson 6, A. McMillan 5, Hird 5 — Taylor 7, D. Hennessy 5, Burton 6, Roodhouse 6 (in), Gagic 70th) — Mazzagatti 7, McKenna 8 (Coach: Keith Webster).**

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• Ally Dick of Frankston Pines — winner of the 1986 Bill Fleming Medal. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.



• Chris Bambridge — winner of the Victorian Referee of the Year award.



• Andy Bozikas of Bulleen — winner of the Victorian League Player of the Year award.

Dick wants to give NSL a go

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Ally Dick just about fell off his seat when his name was announced as winner of the 1986 Bill Fleming Medal at a gala press awards night last Friday at Arion Receptions.

"My heart just about dropped down to my knees when my name was read out. I was waiting for Rob Krajacic's name or Danny Zemunki's name to be called and I was completely taken by surprise when they announced that I was the winner," said the Frankston Pines striker.

Krajacic, the St Albans Dynamo sweeper, polled 17 votes to finish in third position. There was a tie for second, between Caulfield striker Zemunki and Morell Falcone stepper Emil Bruns. They both polled 24 votes, five behind Dick.

The nine journalists who votes on a 6-5-4-3-2-1 basis came up with the names of 22 players from Box Hill and Croydon both had three players in the voting. Doug Hennessy, Pedro Ramos and Laurie McKenna of Box Hill and Alec Livingstone, Jim Maclean and Jim Tansey of Croydon.

Dick's was a popular win. He is widely regarded as one of the most skilful players in State League and he has been Pines best player this season. He now fully intends to try his luck in the National League next year.

"Pines have been very good to me. They've told me that they won't stand in my way by putting a ridiculous price on

my head if I want to move," said Dick.

"I haven't tried to hide the fact that I want to have a crack at the National League. The timing is right and if I don't give it a go next season then I'll probably never get a chance. And I'd love to find out if I'm good enough to play at that level. If I didn't, I'd spend the rest of my life wondering."

The sad part of the night was that many in attendance knew of Dick's success well before the presentation of the Bill Fleming Medal was made.

An NSL player walked up to me and said, "Don't bother telling me who won the Fleming. I know who it is. It's Ally Dick. We all know."

The "we" I presumed to be all those sitting at his table. Further brief conversations with a couple of other players confirmed that there had been a leak.

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— CRAIG MACKENZIE

COMMENT

It is an award that should be decided on the basis of each member's view of which person has performed his coaching duty best.

In my opinion, the nominations were not submitted solely on that basis.

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Lotto All Stars	5	0	2	39	32	20
Sydney Tornadoes	6	0	1	37	19	19
Brisbane Buffalos	4	0	5	44	32	17
Enduro Spartans	4	0	4	47	50	16
Canb City Strikers	4	0	3	32	34	15
Ansett Valley Stars	3	0	2	32	20	11
Canberra Rockets	2	0	5	40	49	11
Melb Eliminators	2	0	4	36	45	10
Buffalo Mets	2	0	3	25	27	9
Mackay Monarchs	0	0	4	5	19	4

Donvale Group 1 standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Canons	1	0	0	6	4	3
Smooth Operators	1	0	0	3	1	3
Gippsland Ghosts	1	0	0	7	6	3
Kaiser Chiefs	0	0	1	6	7	1
Zelma Luka	0	0	1	4	6	1
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Riviera	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Pelies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adriatic Eagles	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group 2 standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Zobel	4	0	0	44	6	12
Sweatshogs	3	0	1	18	15	10
Fijiana	3	0	0	21	10	9
Azzurri	2	0	2	21	20	8
Raiders	2	0	1	17	14	7
Adriatic Slackers	1	2	1	21	26	7
Bonds	1	0	3	16	20	6
Peperoncini	0	2	2	7	22	6
Master Blaster	1	0	3	11	32	6
Nike	1	0	2	14	10	5
Disciples	0	1	2	14	19	4

Thomastown League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Brilliant Barbas	9	0	0	73	25	27
Celtics	7	0	1	87	18	22
Manchester Excited	7	0	1	68	23	22
Shamrocks	5	0	4	44	32	19
Furious Five	5	0	3	47	28	18
Vasco de Gama	4	0	2	30	22	17
Internazionale	2	0	6	34	43	12
Marazico	1	0	6	25	54	12
Gippstars	1	0	6	28	66	12
Gladiators	1	0	7	14	68	10

Top Scorers: 43—John Metaxas (C); 31—P. Belegriños (BB); 26—G. Thalassinos (ME); 23—P. Markakos (ME)

Preston Senior A standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Grasshoppers	5	1	0	65	15	17
Preston Pythons	4	1	0	44	17	17
Euronations	3	1	3	65	32	14
Goodonya	3	1	2	50	24	14
Moreland	3	1	2	36	42	13
Nacionals	1	2	3	24	30	10
Ugly Juventus	1	0	6	18	63	9
Mutundies Revenge	0	0	6	7	86	6

Preston Youth A standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Olympic	4	1	1	45	19	18
Makedonia Raiders	5	0	1	41	9	16
United Nations	5	0	1	41	13	7
Zaggers	2	0	3	21	24	12
Makedonia Elim	1	1	3	15	31	11
Gladstone Raiders	0	0	4	12	32	10
Red Star	0	0	5	12	34	7

Senior Top Scorers: 28—John Metaxas (Grass); 27—Terry Frangakis (Euro); Peter Markakos (Good); 19—Fortunato Carvalho (Good).

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seconds later. His pass out of

defence fell to John Micheloudakis who carefully placed his shot so it would go just inside

the post. To his amazement,

Mourinho got a corner kick to

the ball and saved it.

Akkari made the score 4-2 in

the 16th minute when he ran

onto a pass from M. Bacich and

got Terzini no chance.

Noggler pulled a goal back

for the Eliminators when his

shot spun out of the hands of

Mourinho and trickled over

the line.

The second half saw the

Eliminators equalise in the

first minute. A corner from

Noggler went to Aki Kotzamichalis who passed to John Metaxas. From the edge of the penalty area Metaxas made a

mistake and it was 4-4. Thirty

seconds later, Noggler scored

when he collected a pass from

a throw-in and shot on the

turn.

Almost immediately after,

Akkari made the score 5-5. His

long range effort caught Terzini

by surprise and he saved the

Spartans' hopes alive.

In the 7th minute of the sec-

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• Hobart City — Rothmans League Division One champion and Knock-out Cup Final winner.

League, Cup double for Hobart City

Hobart City completed the Rothmans Division One league and cup double when it beat University 4-2 on penalties in the Knock-out Cup final at KGV.

The score was 1-1 at the end of normal time and the half an hour of extra time failed to produce any more goals.

It was a night of celebrations for Hobart City as the club's women's team also beat White Eagles 1-0 in the curtain-raiser, which was the women's Division Two Knock-out Cup final.

David Green of University had the first real chance of the match in the 25th minute but City goalkeeper Matthew Richardson did well to save the low shot.

Four minutes later, Matthew Sly put City in front when he

headed home Kim Barker's corner from the right.

City had two great chances after the interval but failed to convert either.

Barker interpassed with Maxwell and finished with a shot centimetres wide of the far post, while Rod Sanders should have scored when he ran on to an accurate cross from the right.

The equaliser came in the 76th minute from substitute Douglas Summers, also from a set-piece.

University won a free kick just outside the City penalty area and Crowther knocked it to his left where Summers steered home a beautiful low shot.

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Barker, despite being injured, put City ahead with the first kick but Summers, the player who had saved Uni in normal time, hit the crossbar with his shot.

Pignola, who had been omitted from City's starting line-up at the last minute because of influenza, but who came on just before the end of extra-time, scored City's second on penalty, followed by Sorgi and Taglieri.

Robinson and Sloane converted for University but Matthew Richman then saved Chris Green's kick to give the Cup to a jubilant City team.

Joanne Sherman's second-half goal gave City its 1-0 win over White Eagles in the women's cup final.

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Guest wins Rothmans

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Yorkshireman Colin Guest, 22, of Launceston Juventus, won the 1986 Tasmanian Rothmans Gold Medal at a presentation ceremony held at the Wrest Point Casino Convention Centre last Friday.

Guest was announced as the winner by Tasmanian Premier Robin Gray.

Guest polled 29 votes, three ahead of second place-getter, 16-year-old Andy Fraser of Launceston United. Metro-Clarendon defender Michael McIntyre was third on 22 votes.

"I was very surprised as I came down just for the occa-

sion really," said Guest. "I received an invitation but I didn't expect to win."

"I did well in the league but I'd had a few arguments with the referees and I was surprised that they put that aside and put me on my playing ability rather than on my character."

"I'm really chuffed about it."

Guest only has been in Tasmania for one season and he scored 27 league goals for Juventus, as well as gaining a place in the Northern Honeychurch Premier League representative side for the two

matches against the Southern Cadbury State League representative team.

Leading vote-getters:

29 — Eraldo Guest (Launceston Juventus)

25 — Andy Fraser (Launceston United)

22 — Michael McIntyre (Metro-Clarendon)

20 — Tommy McKenna (Devonport City/John Compagnie (Ulverstone United)

19 — Chris Hey (Olympia-WPL)

18 — Alastair Hales (Howrah); Peter Sawdon (George Town); Richard Leszczynski (White Eagles).

Olympia downs Eagles

Olympia-WPL won the Cadbury Jubilee Trophy top-four Grand Final with a 5-4 victory over league champions White Eagles.

Andrew Leszczynski had put Eagles ahead with a terrific shot in the 13th minute only to see Craig Nichols grab an equaliser five minutes before the interval.

Andrew Leszczynski again put Eagles in front in the 50th minute but White Eagles scored a penalty but the league champion then began to lose its way.

Nichols scored his second equaliser of the match in the 71st minute and completed his hat-trick two minutes later to edge Olympia in front for the first time in the game.

Paul Xanthopoulos made it 4-2 with a tremendous shot in the 75th minute before Olympia's goalkeeper, Martin Burden, saved brilliantly from Andrew Leszczynski a minute later.

Xanthopoulos set up Anthony Greenwood for Olympia's fifth in the 78th minute before a late rally by Eagles saw brothers Mark and Richard Leszczynski score late goals to almost take the match to a replay.

Eagles met Ulverstone for the second-leg of the State title 0-2 down after the first encounter and its 1-0 win at home wasn't enough to prevent the North-Western side from ending the South's stranglehold on the State premiership.

A goal by defender Neil Morrison in the 28th minute gave Eagles its victory but it was Joe McGrory's men who took home the trophy.

The visiting Victorian side, Cranbourne, was really among the goals on the same day.

Hammy McMeekan (pictured) and his men, in Tasmania on an end-of-season trip, played a 6-6 draw with Howrah at Wentworth Park.

Cranbourne led 3-0 before finding itself 4-5 down at the break and eventually salvaging a 6-6 draw.

Robbie New hit a hat-trick for Howrah, the other goals coming from Dale Blake, Gary Schuler and Duncan Swift, while Glattback and Wallace each scored twice for Cranbourne, the remaining goals coming from John Wotherspoon and Molloy.

McMeekan came on in the second half of the match and managed at least half a dozen "nut-megs."

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Diverse delle squadre impegnate nelle finali della Lega Nazionale avrebbero dovuto giocare anche nel torneo di qualificazione della Dockey Cup, e questo è accaduto a delle squadre di Lega Statale che erano a loro volta impegnate nella finale della State League Cup.

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ΤΕ Ι-Ο νίκησε το Μάλεβιν Σέτι το Σάουθ Ντάντενογκ και βγήκε και από την αγωνία του Βικτώριαν στην επικίνδυνη ζώνη. Το γκαλ πέτυχε ο Ρέλος στα 65' και έπαιξαν οι Νακέν, Μικου, Α. Παπαδόπουλος, Κριτσιαλίδης, Χ. Παπαδόπουλος, Αλικόδηνης, Χριστοδούλου (87' Σταύρουπουλος), Πανιανάκης (60' Αιδάνος) Γεργυάδης, Ρέλος, Καβαλάνης.

ΝΕΑ ΕΠΙΤΧΗΣ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΙΣΤΟΝ ΧΙΑ

ΤΟ ΚΑΙΣΤΟΝ ΧΙΑ συνεχίζοντας τις επιτυχίες του απέκλεισε για το Βικτώριαν Κατ και το Ισχυρό Βεστεντ Σέτι Ι-Ο και με γκαλ που πέτυχε ο Νίκος Παπάδης στα 77' μετά από προσπάθεια του Γκιλάνη.

Έπαιξαν οι Κόρηγος, Θεοχαρίδης, Καστροπούτης, Λαρέντζης, Τυρίκος, Πατανίδης, Γκέλλης, Παπαγεωργίου, Αιονούπουλος, Γκιλάνης και Στρατάνης.

Πολύ καλός ο ρεφερ η. Ρ. ΣΙΜΟΝΙΣ και τον βοηθόνα θετική οι επόπτες Α. ΣΙΒΕΡΡΑΣ και Α. ΡΟΥΕ.

ROTHMANS MEDAL 1986

ΤΗΝ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ 3 Οκτωβρίου στο ξενοδοχείο SOUTHERN CROSS και στο AUSTRALIS ROOM σα γίνεται η απονομή του MEDAL ROTHMANS

"PLAVI" VALJAK PRORADIO NA VREME

JUST-ovci navijaci su strpljivo cekali i docekali da Sekularac zategne sve sratove na "plavom" valjaku, koji je pocet da skripi od 20. jula, kada je sa George Crossom igrao neresceno 1:1 u Sustshtinu.

Nije uzlaz seki gorivo: "Da je Vlado Bozinojki igrao imao bi najmanje tri boda, a vodilicima smao da prepustim titulu timu koji je imao vise sreće".

Povratak Vlade Bozinojkog bio je jedan od faktora JUS-Tove doista lake pobede nad George Crossom.

Ustvari JUST je razbilo maler los u cetrvalj po podne, kada je kombinovao sastav prviog i mlađog tima pobedio Western Suburbs sa 2:0 i kvalifikovao se u cetrvalje Dockerty Kupa.

U petak uvece novinaru su stekli alkoholici i sektari Dugopolje Sekularac priznali: "Sekularac za najbolje trenera Viktorije, Zaista Sekularac je preko noći napravio malo cudo. Pojedje je JUST a sa poslednjeg mesta do laskave titule vice-sampiona, sa istim brojem bodova kao prvak Južne divizije".

Ukazala se slijaja prilika da dva dana kasnije Sekularac opravda svoj izbor u direktornom susretu sa jedinim koakuretom John Gardinerom iz George Crossa.

Posle igre koja je okarakterisana kao najbolja za dugi nedeljni period, u vikendom poslednje nadigrali George Cross jedan od najboljih timova Nacionalne lige, koji oduvao nije izgubio utakmicu sa dva gola razlike.

JUST je zaslužio vecu pobjedu, ali i ovaj rezultat bice dovoljan da zabrini Juventusu u sredu uvece na Olympic Parku "Plavi" ce, po svrji, poceti utakmicu sa istim sastavom koji je takoj uspesno zavrsio susret sa George Crossom.

Pred upravom JUSTa stoji direktor, koji treba prepucati treneru Sekularcu. Da treba jednovenremeno jurisati na titulu sampiona Viktorije i Australije i na Dockey Kup. Svakako treba, iako se skoro istovremeno igra za oba trofeja, koji donose pored pocasti i novcane nagrade.

U subotu JUST treba da pobjedi, ali i ovaj rezultat bice dovoljan da zabrini Juventusu, istina obilježenog — bez 7 prvotomaca. JUST treba da izvede isti sastav koji je pobjedio Western Suburbs, da ostale treneri, za teze okrasej qui dozlate ali JUST pobedi u sredu uvece Juventusu, koga ne treba opisati.

Vazno je da su "Plavi" pov-

ΤΑ ΝΕΑ ΤΩΝ ΟΜΑΔΩΝ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ



by
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Milios

στον καλύτερο παίκτη της κατηγορίας από τη Στέπη Αγγί.

ΚΟΡΥΦΗ ΤΟ ΟΚΤΩΝ

Η ΠΡΩΤΑΘΛΗΤΡΙΑ ανέδει την "Ωδή δύνει τον επίσημο χορό της στις ΙΙ Οκτώβρη και στο RINAUDO'S RECEPTION. Κατά την διάρκεια της Βραδιάς θα δοθούν και τα αναμνηστικά έπαθλα στους παίκτες.

ΖΗΤΕΙΤΑΙ ΠΡΟΠΟΝΗΤΗΣ

Η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ ζητάει προπονητή για την νέα ποδοσφαιρική περίοδο. Οι ενδιαφερόμενοι να τηλεφωνήσουν στον αριθμό 645 3518.

ΚΑΙ ΤΥΠΙΚΑ ΔΙΕΥΤΕΡΟ ΤΟ ΚΑΙΣΤΟΝ ΧΙΑ

ΤΗΝ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ το Κλήφτον ΧΙλίδια έδωσε τον αγώνα με το Θέντρου Γκάλλου που είχε αναβληθεί.

Η ελληνική ομάδα αν και προηγήθηκε με τον Λαρέντζη στα 21' τελικά έχασε 2-1. Με την κυανόλευκη έπαιξαν οι Ιθρέδες ταλαντούχοι Τσιλέδης και Σιλήρης καθώς και ο Κόστας Αγγουλάς από την αναπληρωματική ομάδα.

Το Π.Γκάλλου μετά την νίκη του αυτή τελείωση στην 3η θέση και υποσκέψισε την Φούσνα, το Μετέλ Πάρι και το Γιαλλόβουρ.

Δεν αποκλείεται δε να τον θείει η θέση αυτή και προνοιούχος.

Με το Κάιστον έπαιξαν οι Κύριος, Θεοχαρίδης, Αγγουλάς, Γκέλλης, Λαρέντζης, Δορέντζης, Πατανίδης, Στρατάνης, Διλούσης, Παπαγεωργίου, Σταύρουλας, Γκιλάνης (46' Τσιλέρης) Σκληρός (55' Τυρίκος).

Πολύ καλός ο ρεφερ η. SOULTANA.

ΤΙΜΗΤΙΚΗ ΘΕΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΓΚΑΙΡΝΤΕΝ ΣΤΙΣ

ΤΟ ΓΚΑΙΡΝΤΕΝ ΣΤΙΣ αν και στη μέση της σαιζόν έγινε Βασιλικό του στελέχους, τελικά κατέλαβε την 4η θέση στον Βαθμολογικό πλημματικής της Δ' κατηγορίας του Ιυντόπτερα Ληγών.

Πρωταθλήτρια θυμήθηκε η Κινηγκ με 25 βαθμούς και ακολούθησαν: Άνωστ 22, Κρέπικ 21 και Γκέρμπεν 21 με διαφορά τερμάτων από τον τρίτο.

ΣΤΟΝ ΤΕΑΙΓΚΟ Η ΛΗΓΝΟΣ

Η ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ομάδα Λήγνος την Κυριακή στο Μεντά Πάρκι θα πάξει στον τελικό του εραστεκυνικού Κυπέλλου με την Σανσόν. Η συνάντηση θα αρχίσει στις 2.30 μ.μ.

ΒΡΑΒΕΥΣΕΙΣ Η ΓΟΥΕΤ

ΚΑΙΑΥΤΕΡΟΣ παίκτης στην Σουέστ Βγήκε ο Α. Μίστος.

Παίκτης του μέλλοντος ήταν ο Α. Κοβκουλής, πρώτος σκόρερ στο Α. Αναγνωστόπουλος, ενώ βραβεύθηκε και ο Η. ΔΥΝΑΚ.

ΣΥΓΧΡΗΤΗΡΙΑ ΣΤΟΝ ΑΤΡΟΜΕΤΟ

Η ΣΤΑΘΑ άπεισθνει συγχρητήρια στην κανδλευκή ομάδα του Ατρόμητου που κέρδισε σε δεύτερη τη πρωτότιμη στην εραστεκυνική κατηγορία.

Επίσης συγχρητήρια στον φιλιτζιμό προκυπνητή ΤΣΙΛΙ Μάστος.

Ο ΣΤΡΑΤΑΚΗΣ ΠΡΩΤΟΣ ΣΚΟΡΕΡ

Ο ΤΣΙΛΙ ΣΤΡΑΤΑΚΗΣ θυμήθηκε ο πρώτος σκόρερ στο Κάιστον Χιλ και ανέβηκε στην Β' κατηγορία.

Κανένας παίκτης σύμφωνα με την βαθμολογία των διατάξην ήταν ο Βασίλης Παπαγεωργίου και παίκτης του μέλλοντος ο Μανόλης Καστόρης.

Οι παίκτες βραβεύθηκαν στον επίσημο χορό του συλλόγου που έγινε το περσένιο Σεπτέμβριο με μεγάλη επιτυχία δύο διάθεση - πρώτη με μεγάλη προστίμη στον παίκτης που προτούτης.

Στην απονομή επέλθουν για τα τζούνιορς του θα γίνει στο γήπεδο θα δοθούν διάτομα μέδαλμα τρία ακόμη έπαθλα σε παίκτες από την τακτική ομάδα σύμφωνα με τα κριτήρια του προπονητή.

Το ένα έπαθλο θα είναι για το φίος.

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

sa podmildjenim sastavom: Sastav Vardara, Bacošev, Veljanovski (Trajevski), Dervišević, Beatić, Serovski, Tavalević, Mitrivešić (Davis), Williams, Georgijevski, Mitevski, Ristovski.

Najbolji igrači Sammy Mitevski, John Serovski i Arthur Davis, John Veličković i Štefan Strelci.

"PLAVI" iz SPRINGVALA — HAWTHORN 0:1 (0:0). — Plavog učinkom u 64. minuti kada je Čedomir Veličković izradio karton, a odmara za njih 11. Mihaljević, Žarko Kerežević. Sa 9 igrača niko mogli da pobeđe iako su se lajkovski borili čak su tri stopotno sanske upropastili.

Sastav: Milan Tomic, Goran Todorović (Joe Markidis), Mijo Janković, Goran Veljović, Dragosav, Jeljic, Mark Gentile, Milenko Culibrk, Ilija Kerežević, Žarko Stanićević, Goran Filipović, Aleksandar Velevski.

ARMSTRONG REZERVNI KUP — RINGWOOD 1:0 (1:0). — Plavog učinkom u 66. minuti kada je Čedomir Veličković izradio karton, a odmara za njih 11. Mihaljević, Žarko Kerežević. Sa 9 igrača niko mogli da pobeđe iako su se lajkovski borili čak su tri stopotno sanske upropastili.

Sastav: Štefan Horvat, G. Rovo. — U predigrigi su juniori Plavog Dunava ispod 11 godina pobedili "Plave" iz Springvala sa 8:2 u prijateljskom susretu. Strelci: Richard Varga 3, Jim Dimitrijević 3 i Goran Markovski za Plavi Dunav.

U subotu 11. oktobra Plavi Dunav održava Presentation Night u maloj sali Springvale Town Hall-a.

PROVIZIONALNI KUP — SOUTH SPRINGVALE — PASCOE VALE PELISTER 1:2 (6:9). — Strelci: Pepi Colaković i Dusko Niceski. — Sastav: Pascoe Vale: Kosta I. Lasanc, L. Makal, J. Biro, G. Kennemeyer (Z. Horvat), G. Rovo.

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U drugu kolo provizionalnog kupa za rezerve plasirao se i drugi tim Pascoe Vale kome je rezerve Crvene zvezde predala bodove zlog od odlaskou na turnir Jedinstva u Sidneju.

MALI SVETSKI KUP — Pored Mini Mundiala, koji se ove godine održava na igraistvu Lalar Stoge u Thomas-townu, neće poceti u nedelju 5. vek sedam dana kasnije, u nedelju 12. oktobra. Učestvuju svega 4 kluba: Preston Make-donjani, Lalor, Sloga, Altona Gate Vardar i prologodisnji pobednik Meko Holding. Vise detalje objavljemo sledeci put.

MAKEDONSKO FINALE INDUSTRISKOG KUPA

U finalu Industriskog kupa "Black Douglas" sastace se dva makedonska kluba MEKO HOLDINGS, koji je u polufinalu pobedio Bowater Scott sa 5:0, i FOOTSCRAY VARDAR, koji je savladao Tottenham sa 2:1.

Finale se igraju u nedelju 5. oktobra na Olympic Parku Oval No. 2 Pocetak u 3 po podne.



• Meko Holdings — prvak Prve Divizije 1986.



• Footscray Utd. Vardar — Treca Divizija 1986.

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Quarter final draw for this Saturday: Port Melbourne v Werribee, Langwarrin v Corio, Maribyrnong v Broadmeadows, Altona v Dandenong City.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

Division 2: Reserves: Fibremakers

Utd 0 Preston Pythons 1

Division 3: Altona Wands 1

DIV. TWO RESERVES

Fibremakers 14 W D L F A Pt

Preston Pythons 14 0 2 6 17 14 28

Altona Wands 14 0 1 1 1 1 15

Amazons 6 2 3 5 38 17

Taxifusion United 6 2 7 2 38 16

Rowville United 4 5 7 31 38 13

St. Bernards 0 C. 2 1 2 26 55 18

Northcote 0 2 1 2 26 58 20

Portuguese 3 2 1 26 58 8

DIV. THREE RESERVES

St. Albans Wands 12 1 2 16 29 25

Hippofutsal 1 0 1 1 4 1 6

Kelso Old Boys 10 3 3 37 25 27

Footscray United 9 3 4 37 21 15

RAAF College 7 7 2 35 14 21

Desert Foxes 7 2 3 35 14 16

Altona Dynamo 3 0 1 37 15 18

Altona Heights 3 1 0 15 21 27

West Footscray 1 0 1 14 13 2

Overseas

BELGIUM

First Division: Lokeren 1 FC Liege 1, Racing Jet 3 Antwerp 0, Mechelen 3, Waregem 1, Kortrijk 7 Berchem 0, Nivelles 1, Oostende 1, Anderlecht 4, Club Bruges 2, Anderlecht 1, Beerschot 1, Cercle Bruges 0, Standard Liege 1, Seraing 1.

Leading Standings

Club Bruges 4 1 1 16 4 9

Standard Liege 3 2 0 10 2 8

Beerschot 3 2 0 9 9 8

Anderlecht 3 2 0 11 3 2

Beerschot 3 2 0 3 2 7

SPAIN

First Division: Cadiz 2 Atletico Madrid 2, Sabadell 1 Real Mallorca 3, Sevilla 2, Racing 0, Athletico Bilbao 2, Barcelona 2, Real Madrid 1, Osasuna 0, Real Madrid 1, Sociedad 1, Real Oviedo 1, Espanol 3 Real Belis 1, Real Murcia 1 Real Zaragoza 2, Las Palmas 3 Sporting 4.

Leading Standings

Real Madrid 4 2 0 16 7 10

Barcelona 3 3 0 9 9 10

Sporting 3 2 1 12 8 8

Real Mallorca 2 1 0 10 7 7

HUNGARY

First Division: Honved Budapest 2, Békéscsaba 1, Pecs 0 Vasas Budapest 0, Ujpest Duna 2, 4 Zalaegerszeg 0, Siofok 0 Videoton 1, Eger 1 Ferencvaros 1, Dunaszerdahely 2, Hajdúszoboszló 0, VTK 3, Tatabányai 1, Rába Egyt 1 Debrecen 1.

Leading Standings

Honved Budapest 4 2 0 16 7 10

Békéscsaba 3 3 0 9 9 10

Ujpest Duna 3 2 1 11 3 11

Szombathely 5 1 2 14 8 7

Ferencvaros 3 5 0 5 4 11

Pecs 4 3 1 15 1 11

MVM 2 1 0 10 7 7

ROMANIA

First Division: Cluj Napoca 8 Dinamo Bucharest 0, Steaua Bucharest 3, Ural Petrosani 0, Covinco Husadeas 3, FCSB 1, Academica 1, Vidin 0, Rovaniemi 2, FC Dinamo 1, Steaua Craiova 6, Dinamo Bucuresti 1, SC Bacau 1, FC Olt 0, Petrolul Ploiesti 3 Rapid Bucharest 0.

GREECE

First Division: Athlon Athens 0, Kalamata 0, Iraklis 0, PAOK 0, Panionios 2, Ethnikos 1 AEK 0, Iraklis 0, PAOK 0, Panionios 0, PAOK 0, Demir Karditsa 0, Asteras Tripoli 0, PAOK 0, PAOK 0.

PORTUGAL

First Division: Belenenses 2 Sporting 0, Academia 1 Part 3, Parmaense 2, Braga 0, Benfica 3 Barreiro 1, Chaves 3, Farense 2, Rio Ave 0 Maritimo 0, Salgueiros 2, Vizinha 1, Guimaraes 1, Elvas 0.

Leading Standings

Belenenses 3 1 0 16 7 10

Academia 5 9 1 15 20 18

Benfica 4 2 0 16 7 10

Guimaraes 4 2 0 16 7 10

Porto 3 3 0 14 5 9

Sporting 3 2 1 13 5 9

HOLLAND

First Division: Fortuna Sittard 0 VVV Venlo 0, Haarlem 0 Twente Enschede 3, GA Eagles Deventer 1 AZ 67 Alkmaar 1, PSV Eindhoven 0 Feyenoord Rotterdam 0, Excelsior 1 Den Bosch 2, Den Haag 2, PEC Zwolle 2, Roda JC Kerkrade 3, Groningen 2, VVV Venlo 0, ADO Amsterdam 1, Sparta Rotterdam 3, Utrecht 0.

Leading Standings

Den Bosch 6 0 14 6 12 15

Ajax 6 2 1 21 8 14

PSV 2 2 1 21 8 13

Sparta 5 2 2 22 13 12

Feyenoord 2 1 20 11 12

TURKEY

First Division: Galatasaray 2, Malatyaspor 1, Genclerbirligi 1, Fenerbahce 1, Yenibospor 3, Bursaspor 0, Altay 2, Ankaragucu 1, Rizespor 1, Samsunspor 0, Diyarbakirspor 2, Adanaspor 0, Sivasspor 0, Zonguldakspor 0, Ataturkspor 2, Bursaspor 6, Eskişehirspor 0, Samsunspor 0.

Leading Standings

Galatasaray 6 1 14 6 12 15

Malatyaspor 5 5 0 13 9 10

Genclerbirligi 5 4 1 13 9 10

Yenibospor 5 3 2 13 9 11

Altay 3 1 2 14 8 7

Galatasaray 3 1 1 7 5 7

Fenerbahce 3 1 1 5 5 7

WEST GERMANY

First Division: Fortuna Düsseldorf 3, Bayern Munich 1, Fortuna Düsseldorf 3, Schalke 4, Nuremberg 1, Bayer Uerdingen 1, Cologne 0, Stuttgart 0, Bremen 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 2, Borussia Mönchengladbach 2, Bayern Munich 1, Hamburg 3, FC Hamburg 1, Kaiserslautern 3, Waldhof Mannheim 2.

Standings

Bayern Munich 5 2 1 16 7 13

Hamburg 5 2 1 16 7 12

Bayer Leverkusen 4 3 1 16 7 11

Werder Bremen 4 3 1 15 11 10

Stuttgart 3 2 1 16 7 11

Kaiserslautern 3 2 1 15 10 9

Bayer Uerdingen 3 2 1 14 12 9

Buchen 2 5 1 11 10 9

Borussia Düsseldorf 3 2 1 13 10 8

Eintracht Frankfurt 2 2 1 11 9 8

Waldhof Mannheim 1 1 2 10 8 7

Borussia Mönchengladbach 1 1 2 10 8 7

FC Hamburg 1 2 1 5 7 5

Cologne 1 2 1 5 6 5 4

Blau Weiss Berlin 2 2 2 5 7 23 3

Nuremberg 0 0 5 19 17 3

Fortuna Düsseldorf 1 1 6 7 24 3

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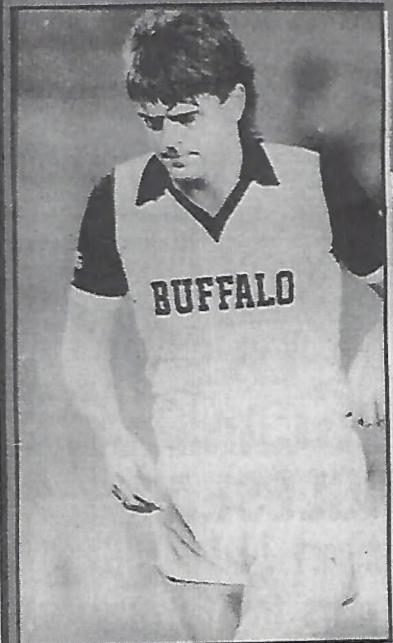
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ADELAIDE JUVENTUS

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PARRAMATTA STADIUM

SUNDAY 3PM

ST GEORGE

Vs



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WEDNESDAY (TONIGHT) 7.30pm



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